

Resolution for Discontinuing Local Churches

Whereas, Goloid United Methodist Church, in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Annual Conference, has a long and proud history; and

Whereas, Harmony United Methodist Church, in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Annual Conference, has had a long and proud history; and

Whereas, Norman Park United Methodist Church, in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Annual Conference, has had a long and proud history; and

Whereas, Putney United Methodist Church, in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Annual Conference, has had a long and proud history; and

Whereas, Sharon United Methodist Church, on the Georgetown Circuit in the Northwest District of the South Georgia Annual Conference, has had a long and proud history; and

Whereas, Vincent United Methodist Church in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Annual Conference, has had a long and proud history; and

Whereas, The Waterfront Church in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Annual Conference has had a long and proud history; and

Whereas, a Charge Conference of each of these churches has taken appropriate action to provide for the discontinuance of the church and where the membership and title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church shall be transferred; and

Whereas, consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents and the appropriate District Board of Church Location and Building;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the South Georgia Annual Conference meeting in Tifton, Georgia on June __, 2023, does hereby celebrate the ministries of these congregations through the years by giving all glory to God,

Be It Further Resolved, that the members of the South Georgia Annual Conference concur with the decision of these churches to discontinue with an affirmative vote.

Rev. Paula Lewis
Dean of the Cabinet
June __, 2023

**A RESOLUTION OF GOLOID UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE NORTHEAST
DISTRICT OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Goloid United Methodist Church, located in Screven County, has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, the remaining members of the Goloid United Methodist Church determined it to be in the best interest of Goloid UMC that it no longer hold services and that provisions be made for the transfer of the church's property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of Goloid United Methodist Church as follows:

1. Goloid United Methodist Church shall hold its last official service on November 18, 2022.
2. Those members remaining on the church membership roll as of November 18, 2022, shall be transferred to such other congregation as each member requests.
3. All records and official papers of the church shall be transferred to the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at St. Simons Island, Georgia.
4. Any remaining funds of the church shall be first used to pay any outstanding pension and health insurance obligations of Goloid UMC, and any remaining funds shall be distributed according to Annual Conference policy with respect to the assets of closed churches.
5. In accordance with paragraph 2549.3 of The Book of Discipline, the remaining property of Goloid UMC shall be conveyed to the Annual Conference Trustees.

ADOPTED by the members of Goloid United Methodist Church as of November 18, 2022.

Approved by:

Rev. Stephen Grantham, Superintendent, Northeast District
South Georgia Annual Conference

Rev. Betty Jean Sturdivant
Pastor, Goloid United Methodist Church

**A RESOLUTION OF HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE NORTHEAST
DISTRICT OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Harmony United Methodist Church, located in Screven County, has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, the remaining members of the Harmony United Methodist Church determined it to be in the best interest of Harmony UMC that it no longer hold services and that provisions be made for the transfer of the church's property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of Harmony United Methodist Church as follows:

1. Harmony United Methodist Church shall hold its last official service on June 18, 2023.
2. Those members remaining on the church membership roll as of June 18, 2023, shall be transferred to such other congregation as each member requests.
3. All records and official papers of the church shall be transferred to the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at St. Simons Island, Georgia.
4. Any remaining funds of the church shall be first used to pay any outstanding pension and health insurance obligations of Harmony UMC, and any remaining funds shall be distributed according to Annual Conference policy with respect to the assets of closed churches.
5. In accordance with paragraph 2549.3 of The Book of Discipline, the remaining property of Harmony UMC shall be conveyed to the Annual Conference Trustees.

ADOPTED by the members of Harmony United Methodist Church as of June , 2023.

Approved by:

Rev. Stephen Grantham, Superintendent, Northeast District
South Georgia Annual Conference

Rev. Carroll Gay
Pastor, Harmony United Methodist Church

**A RESOLUTION OF NORMAN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST
DISTRICT OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Norman Park United Methodist Church, located in Colquitt County, has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, the remaining members of the Norman Park United Methodist Church determined it to be in the best interest of Norman Park UMC that it no longer hold services and that provisions be made for the transfer of the church's property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of Norman Park United Methodist Church as follows:

1. Norman Park United Methodist Church shall hold its last official service on May 7, 2023.
2. Those members remaining on the church membership roll as of May 7, 2023, shall be transferred to such other congregation as each member requests.
3. All records and official papers of the church shall be transferred to the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at St. Simons Island, Georgia.
4. Any remaining funds of the church shall be first used to pay any outstanding pension and health insurance obligations of Norman Park UMC, and any remaining funds shall be distributed according to Annual Conference policy with respect to the assets of closed churches.
5. In accordance with paragraph 2549.3 of The Book of Discipline, the remaining property of Norman Park UMC shall be conveyed to the Annual Conference Trustees.

ADOPTED by the members of Norman Park United Methodist Church as of May 7, 2023.

Approved by:

Rev. Doreen Smalls, Superintendent, Southwest District
South Georgia Annual Conference

Lessie Lewis
Pastor, Norman Park United Methodist Church

**A RESOLUTION OF PUTNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST
DISTRICT OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Putney United Methodist Church, located in Dougherty County, has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, the remaining members of the Putney United Methodist Church determined it to be in the best interest of Putney UMC that it no longer hold services and that provisions be made for the transfer of the church's property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of Putney United Methodist Church as follows:

1. Putney United Methodist Church shall hold its last official service on June 4, 2023.
2. Those members remaining on the church membership roll as of June 4, 2023, shall be transferred to such other congregation as each member requests.
3. All records and official papers of the church shall be transferred to the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at St. Simons Island, Georgia.
4. Any remaining funds of the church shall be first used to pay any outstanding pension and health insurance obligations of Putney UMC, and any remaining funds shall be distributed according to Annual Conference policy with respect to the assets of closed churches.
5. In accordance with paragraph 2549.3 of The Book of Discipline, the remaining property of Putney UMC shall be conveyed to the Annual Conference Trustees.

ADOPTED by the members of Putney United Methodist Church as of May 17, 2023.

Approved by:

Rev. Doreen Smalls, Superintendent, Southwest District
South Georgia Annual Conference

Amy Carter
Pastor, Putney United Methodist Church

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSING OF SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

- Whereas,** Sharon UMC located in Randolph County in the Northwest District of the South Georgia Annual Conference, has had a long and proud history; and
- Whereas,** in 2023 Sharon UMC ceased holding services; and
- Whereas,** no action has been taken to provide for closure of Sharon UMC; and
- Whereas,** the district superintendent has recommended, and the presiding bishop and cabinet and the trustees of the Northwest District Union of the United Methodist Church, Inc., which acts as the district board of church location and building for the Northwest District, have consented to closing Sharon UMC; and
- Whereas,** it is now appropriate and necessary that the Annual Conference take formal action to close Sharon UMC and to make provision for the transfer of its property, all as provided in the 2016 *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (AThe Discipline@)*;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the members of the South Georgia Annual Conference session being held in Tifton, Georgia as follows:

1. Sharon United Methodist Church shall be officially closed as of June __, 2023.
2. Any remaining funds of the church shall be first used to pay any outstanding pension and health insurance obligations of Sharon UMC.
3. All records and official papers of the church shall be transferred to the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at St. Simons Island, Georgia.
4. In as much as at the time services were discontinued at Sharon, no provisions were made concerning the disposition of its remaining personal and real property, such property shall immediately vest in the annual conference board of trustees pursuant to & 2549.2 of *The Discipline* and the annual conference trustees shall assume control of its real, personal, and intangible.

Adopted this __ day of June, 2023, by the members of the South Georgia Annual Conference.

Bishop David Graves
Presiding Bishop

Rev. Paula Lewis
Dean of the Cabinet

**A RESOLUTION OF VINCENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST
DISTRICT OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Vincent United Methodist Church, located in Clay County, has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, the remaining members of the Vincent United Methodist Church determined it to be in the best interest of Vincent UMC that it no longer hold services and that provisions be made for the transfer of the church's property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of Vincent United Methodist Church as follows:

1. Vincent United Methodist Church shall hold its last official service on May 7, 2023.
2. Those members remaining on the church membership roll as of May 7, 2023, shall be transferred to such other congregation as each member requests.
3. All records and official papers of the church shall be transferred to the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at St. Simons Island, Georgia.
4. Any remaining funds of the church shall be first used to pay any outstanding pension and health insurance obligations of Vincent UMC, and any remaining funds shall be distributed according to Annual Conference policy with respect to the assets of closed churches.
5. In accordance with paragraph 2549.3 of The Book of Discipline, the remaining property of Vincent UMC shall be conveyed to the Annual Conference Trustees.

ADOPTED by the members of Vincent United Methodist Church as of May 7, 2023.

Approved by:

Rev. Doreen Smalls, Superintendent, Southwest District
South Georgia Annual Conference

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WATERFRONT CHURCH OF THE COASTAL DISTRICT OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, The Waterfront Church, located in Bryan County, has had a long and proud history; and

WHEREAS, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, the remaining members of The Waterfront Church determined it to be in the best interest of The Waterfront Church that it no longer hold services and that provisions be made for the transfer of the church's property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of The Waterfront Church as follows:

1. The Waterfront Church shall hold its last official service on March 18, 2023.
2. Those members remaining on the church membership roll as of March 18, 2023, shall be transferred to such other congregation as each member requests.
3. All records and official papers of the church shall be transferred to the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at St. Simons Island, Georgia.
4. Any remaining funds of the church shall be first used to pay any outstanding pension and health insurance obligations of The Waterfront Church, and any remaining funds shall be distributed according to Annual Conference policy with respect to the assets of closed churches.
5. In accordance with paragraph 2549.3 of The Book of Discipline, the remaining property of The Waterfront Church shall be conveyed to the Annual Conference Trustees.

ADOPTED by the members of The Waterfront Church as of March 22, 2023.

Approved by:

Rev. David Thompson, Superintendent, Coastal District
South Georgia Annual Conference

Adam Ricker
Pastor, The Waterfront Church